

Short biography of James Sweeney

James Sweeney is Director of OLAF Directorate C – the OLAF Knowledge Centre.

A native of Co. Donegal, Ireland he first worked for the Irish Department of Agriculture in the 1980's before joining DG Agriculture of the European Commission in 1990. He then moved to UCLAF in the mid 1990's, which became OLAF in 1999. In OLAF, he has dealt with a wide range of investigative activities in different domains. For many years, he managed fraud and irregularities investigations on the expenditure (Structural Funds and agriculture) side of the EU budget and from 2017 to mid-2022 he was responsible for the revenue (customs and VAT) investigation matters.

He was appointed Director of OLAF Directorate C – the OLAF Knowledge Centre in September 2022.